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Letter dated 12 August 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the statement made by the spokesman of the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria on 11 August 1991, and to request that you circulate the text of this letter and its annex as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 19 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Amar BENDJAMA
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Annex

Statement made by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria on 11 August 1991

Following the resumption of military operations in Western Sahara, the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs made the following statement:

"Algeria has noted with deep regret the recent resumption of military operations in Western Sahara after a constructive truce that had been conducive to progress in the search for peace. Coming after the Security Council's adoption of a plan for the organization of a referendum for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara, and on the eve of the entry into force - on 6 September 1991 - of a cease-fire accepted by the two parties to the conflict, the resurgence of the fratricidal confrontation is likely to lead to a deterioration of the climate of calm and security indispensable for achieving peace.

"Algeria, which has joined in the positive response to the adoption of Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991 on Western Sahara, shares the Secretary-General's profound concern at these dangerous developments and is fully complying with his appeal to avoid any action that could jeopardize the implementation of the United Nations plan for Western Sahara. Algeria urgently appeals that the highest degree of responsibility be exercised at this decisive stage in the evolution of the region towards a future of peace, harmony and cooperation in the effort to achieve Maghreb unity.

"Reiterating its full support for the peace-making efforts with which he has been charged in Western Sahara, Algeria encourages the Secretary-General to make every effort to prevent any military escalation and to ensure the implementation of the Security Council's settlement plan in keeping with the established time-table."